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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tadashi OHASHI

Serial No. 09/626,965

Group Art Unit: 2172

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Examiner: Liang, Gwen

For: COMPONENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, COMPONENT MANAGEMENT DEVICE,  
AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on October 17, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE claims 1, 2 and 10 in accordance with the following:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) A component management system comprising:  
a storage unit which stores a plurality of components related to hardware and firmware which are necessary for the development, manufacture, and inspection of a product as a component data base, wherein said hardware and said firmware constituting said product are at the same management level;  
a server which manages the component data base stored in said storage unit; and  
at least one client, connected to said server via a network, which takes out a predetermined component from said storage unit via said network.